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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10-31-2008 and 09-09-2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30--31 and 33--38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

Restriction/Election Acknowledgement and Status of Claims

1. Applicant's Restriction/Election of Claims via its response dated October 31st, 2008 is acknowledged and has been entered. Claims 1--38 were pending, and the Election of Group III, Claims 30--38, without traverse is hereby entered. Also, acknowledged is the cancellation of Group I Claims 1--19 and Group II Claims 20--29 per the remarks and the amendments to the claims of October 31st, 2008 as shown now in the Index of Claims. Accordingly, Claims 30--38 would be pending after the cancellation of the non-elected Claims 1--19 and 20--29. With the Election of Group III claims without traverse, Claims 30--38 are now being examined in this application.

This Office Action is an allowance in response to the Applicant's remarks filed on October 31st, 2008 for its original application filed on May 30, 2001 and titled: "Biometric Financial Transaction System and Method".

Examiner's Amendment/ Comment

2. An examiner's amendment/comment to the record appears below and it has been agreed to by the Applicant's attorney of record on December 15, 2008. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 1--29 are hereby cancelled that were 'canceled' by the Applicant per their response and 'Amendments to the Claims' dated October 31st, 2008. The following claims are confirmed as cancelled by the Applicant per their response dated October 31, 2008:

Claims 1--19 (Group I): Cancelled

Claims 20--29 (Group II): Cancelled

After the Examiner's Amendment, amended claims will read as follows:

Claim 30: A method for a triangular transaction involving tokenless biometric authorization of [an electronic] a commercial transaction between a consumer and a merchant sequentially using an electronic identicator and an access device wherein the access device is not required to contain in memory any data that is personalized to the consumer, the access device including means for taking a biometric sample from the consumer's person and the electronic identicator comprising at least one computer further comprising at least one database wherein the consumer has registered at least one registration biometric sample taken from the consumer's person, the method comprising:

a first communications step, wherein the consumer and merchant establish communications with each other via an access device capable of biometric input;

a proposal step, wherein a commercial transaction is proposed between the merchant and the consumer via the access device;

a transaction forwarding step, wherein the merchant forwards information regarding the commercial transaction to the electronic identicator;

a first access device identification step, wherein the access device communicates to the merchant an identification code associated with the access device;

a second communications step, wherein after the consumer and merchant have agreed on the proposed commercial transaction, the consumer and the electronic identifier use the access device to establish communications with each other;

an identification code forwarding step, wherein the merchant communicates to the electronic identifier the identification code associated with the access device that was previously communicated to the merchant;

a second access device identification step, wherein the access device communicates to the electronic identifier the identification code associated with the access device and a bid biometric sample taken from the consumer's person;

a consumer identification step, wherein the electronic identifier compares the biometric sample with at least one previously registered biometric sample to produce a successful or failed identification of the consumer; [and]

an association step, wherein the identification code associated with the access device is used to associate the biometric identification accomplished in the consumer identification step with the information regarding the commercial transaction;

an information forwarding step, wherein, upon successful identification of the consumer, the electronic identifier electronically forwards information regarding the consumer to the merchant; and

a financial transaction authorization step, wherein the electronic identifier executes a financial transaction on behalf of the merchant;

wherein, upon successful identification of the consumer, a biometrically authorized electronic financial transaction is enabled between the consumer and the merchant.

Claim 32: Cancelled

Claim 38: The method of claim 30 [32] wherein the transaction forwarding step uses a communication method selected from the set comprising: a dedicated communication line, a dial-up communication line, packet switching.

Claims 31--37: Remain “as-is” (and as stated in the applicant’s submission of September 9, 2008.)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 30--31 and 33-38 are pending and allowed. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is Patent No. 5,943,423 issued on August 24, 1999 to Saeed Muftic and titled: “Smart Token System for Secure Electronic Transaction and Identification” (hereinafter “Muftic”). Another prior art of record is US Patent No. 5,876,926 issued on March 2, 1999 to James E. Beecham and titled: “Method, Apparatus and System for Verification of Human Medical Data” (hereinafter “Beecham”).

Muftic teaches about the use of smart token technology by using a smart card, PCMCIA card or any other medium containing storage or processing capability is used to facilitate a variety of secure business transactions, including those which might occur over an unsecured network such as the Internet. Application programs can obtain a variety of smart token services using a common application programming interface. Applications of the smart token technology to electronic cash, banking, credit, computer and network access, software distribution, medical handling and issuance of credentials are presented.

Beecham teaches about the use of biometric samples as a method and apparatus for collecting medical data from a test subject while optionally preserving anonymity for the test subject. The method includes steps of collecting a sample from the test subject and taking biometric data from the test subject. The biometric data permit a high order of probability of correlation of the test subject with the sample and with test results derived from the sample. The method optionally further includes a step of providing the test subject with a unique correlating code also for permitting unique correlation of the test subject with the sample and with test results derived from the sample, and further desirably includes a step of labeling the sample with information including the biometric data.

4. Applicant claims that its claimed invention in the instant application --- is an improvement over Pare and Hoffman (two references that were used earlier), and it is “specifically applicable to using a consumer access device such as a cell phone, telephone, personal digital assistant or the like to carry out transactions with a merchant. A transaction can be initiated and agreed to between the consumer and merchant without input of a consumer biometric into a merchant device. The consumer’s access device ID code is sent to the merchant, and also it is sent to the identifier. The merchant need never receive the consumer’s biometric sample. When the biometric is input, it is input to the identifier without having to pass through the

merchant's terminal. This is, in essence, a triangular transaction, as shown in all of the drawing figures.”

Additionally, the applicant claims that its method consists of “a transaction that is proposed between the merchant and the consumer via an access device. The access device communicates to the merchant an ID code associated with the access device. After the merchant and consumer have agreed on the transaction, the consumer and identifier establish communications with one another. Then the access device communicates the ID code to the electronic identifier. The identifier then compares a bid biometric sample from the consumer via the access device to a previously registered biometric sample to try to identify the consumer. Upon successful identification of the consumer, information is sent from the identifier to complete the transaction.”

Applicant claims that neither Muftic nor Beecham teach or suggest a method in which there are two access device identification steps of the claimed invention---one to the merchant, the second to the identifier. Nor do Muftic and Beecham teach or suggest a method in which the access device transmits the consumer's bid biometric sample from the access device to the identifier after the transaction is agreed to. This is because of the unique three corners or nodes of this triangular transaction are --- the Merchant, the Identifier, and the User Access Device, with three communications channels connecting these three nodes; and this triangular relationship is now clearly set forth in the claims after all the amendments to the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

6. Applicant's arguments of September 9, 2008 are considered moot based on all of the amendments to claims submitted by the Applicant so far, response to election/restriction filed on October 31, 2008, and the RCE request of September 9, 2008.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanjeev Malhotra whose telephone number is 571-272-7292. The examiner can normally be reached on Flexible schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell, can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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17 December, 2008

/James P Trammell/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3694